A.11 ELECTRIFIED FILTER BED FOR PM CONTROL OF VENEER DRYERS – FACILITY K

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EXAMPLE COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE MONITORING
ELECTRIFIED FILTER BED (EFB) FOR PM CONTROL – FACILITY K

I. Background

A. Emissions Unit

Description:	Natural gas-fired dryers used in plywood manufacturing
Identification:	Veneer Dryer 1, Veneer Dryer 2
Facility:	Facility K Anytown, USA

B. Applicable Regulation, Emission Limit, and Monitoring Requirements

Regulation:	Permit, State regulation
Emission Limits:	
Particulate matter (PM):	0.30 lb/1000 ft^2 (MSF) dried (3/8-inch thickness basis), 4.1 lb/hr
Monitoring Requirements:	EFB inlet temperature, EFB voltage, and EFB ionizer current.

C. Control Technology — EFB

II. Monitoring Approach

The key elements of the monitoring approach are presented in Table A.11-1. The selected indicators of performance are: EFB inlet temperature, voltage, and ionizer current. The selected indicator ranges are based upon hourly average values.

TABLE A.11-1. MONITORING APPROACH

	Indicator No. 1	Indicator No. 2	Indicator No. 3
I. Indicator	EFB inlet temperature.	EFB voltage.	EFB ionizer current.
Measurement Approach	Temperature is measured using a thermocouple.	Voltage is measured with a voltmeter.	Ionizer current is measured with an ammeter.
II. Indicator Range	An excursion is defined as an hourly average EFB inlet temperature greater than 170˚F (>145˚F when drying pine veneer). Excursions trigger an investigation, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.	An excursion is defined as an hourly average EFB voltage less than 8 kV. Excursions trigger an investigation, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.	An excursion is defined as an hourly average EFB ionizer current less than 2 mA. Excursions trigger an investigation, corrective action, and a reporting requirement.
III. Performance Criteria A. Data Representativeness	The monitoring system consists of a thermocouple installed at the inlet of the EFB. The minimum accuracy of the thermocouple is ±2.2˚C (±4˚F) or 0.75 percent of the measured temperature in ˚C, whichever is greater.	The monitoring system consists of a voltmeter on the EFB unit. The minimum accuracy of the voltmeter is ±0.5 kV.	The monitoring system consists of an ammeter on the EFB unit. The minimum accuracy of the ammeter is ±0.5 mA.
B. Verification of Operational Status	NA	NA	NA
C. QA/QC Practices and Criteria	The accuracy of the thermocouple is checked annually (or as needed) by calibration using a signal transmitter. The thermocouple wells are periodically checked and cleaned (at least annually).	Voltmeter zero is checked when the unit is not operating.	Ammeter zero is checked when the unit is not operating.
D. Monitoring Frequency	The EFB inlet temperature is measured continuously (at least 4 times per hour).	The EFB voltage is measured continuously (at least 4 times per hour).	The EFB ionizer current is measured continuously (at least 4 times per hour).
Data Collection Procedure	Data are stored electronically and archived for at least 5 years..	Data are stored electronically and archived for at least 5 years..	Data are stored electronically and archived for at least 5 years..
Averaging Period	Hourly block average.	Hourly block average.	Hourly block average.

MONITORING APPROACH JUSTIFICATION

I. Background

The pollutant-specific emissions unit (PSEU) consists of two natural gas direct-fired veneer dryers controlled by an EFB. Dryer 1 is manufactured by Moore and has one zone and four decks. Dryer 2 is manufactured by Coe and has two zones and five decks. The dryers are used in the manufacture of plywood.

II. Rationale for Selection of Performance Indicators

Wood dryer exhaust streams contain dry PM, products of combustion and pyrolysis, and aerosols formed by the condensation of hydrocarbons volatilized from the wood chips. Since some of the pollutants from the dryers are in a gas phase at the normal dryer exhaust temperature of 250˚ to 300˚F, these pollutants must be condensed in order to be collected by the EFB. The gas stream is cooled to a temperature of about 180˚F by the evaporative gas cooler that precedes the EFB, using a water mist. The pollutants condense into fine liquid droplets and are carried into the EFB. The EFB ionizer gives the particles in the gas stream an electrical charge. The high voltage electrode in the gravel bed creates charged regions on the gravel. As the gas passes through the bed, the charged particles are removed from the gas and transferred to the surface of the bed. Liquid and dust continuously build up on the gravel surface; the liquid slowly travels through the bed and is allowed to drip into the drain outlet in the bottom of the unit. The gravel is periodically replaced (about one-third of the gravel is replaced each month).

Factors that affect emissions from wood dryers include wood species, dryer temperature, dryer residence time, dryer loading rate, and previous drying history of the wood. The rate of hydrocarbon aerosol formation (from vaporizing the extractable portion of the wood) is lower at lower dryer temperatures. Small increases in dryer temperature can produce relatively large increases in the PM emission rate. If particles are held in the dryer too long, the surfaces can volatilize; if these emissions are released into the ambient air, a visible blue haze can result.

The CAM indicators selected are EFB inlet temperature, EFB voltage, and EFB ionizer current. The EFB must be maintained at the proper temperature to allow collection of the hydrocarbon aerosol and particulate matter from the dryer. The EFB inlet temperature is monitored to indicate the gas stream was cooled to the proper temperature range before entering the EFB and that the bed is operating at the proper temperature. Information from the EFB manufacturer indicates that high EFB temperatures (e.g., temperatures in excess of 200˚F) may result in excess stack opacity, as will low gravel levels (a low gravel level may cause insufficient PM collection). The voltage on the gravel and the current on the ionizer must be maintained so negatively charged particles in the exhaust gas are attracted to positively charged regions on the gravel bed. An adequate ionizer current level indicates the corona is charging the particles in the gas stream. The bed voltage level indicates the intensity of the electric field in the bed. A drop in voltage or current could indicate a malfunction, such as a short or a buildup of dust or hydrocarbon glaze on the ionizer or the gravel. A short in the bed will show as high current with little or no voltage. A foreign object in the gravel bed which bridges the gap between the

electrode and grounded louvers can short the bed, as can a cracked electrical insulator. The bed's PM collection efficiency increases as the voltage and current increase within the unit's operating range.

The parameters selected for monitoring are consistent with technical information on the operation, maintenance, and emissions for EFB's and dryers provided in EPA's September 1992 draft Alternative Control Technology (ACT) document for PM-10 emissions from the wood products industry. These parameters also were recommended by the manufacturer as parameters to monitor to ensure proper operation of the EFB unit.

III. Rationale for Selection of Indicator Ranges

Indicator data for June through August were collected and reviewed. These data include EFB cooler inlet and outlet temperature, bed temperature, bed voltage, and ionizer current measurements. No indicator ranges are specified in the current operating permit, but the permit does state that the EFB bed temperature shall not exceed 145˚F when pine veneer is being dried. Based on the manufacturer's recommendations, historical data, and data obtained during source testing, the following indicator ranges were selected:

EFB bed inlet temperature:	<170˚F (<145˚F when drying pine veneer)
EFB bed voltage:	>8 kV
EFB ionizer current:	>2 mA

An excursion is defined as an hourly average of any parameter which is outside the indicator range. When an excursion occurs, corrective action will be initiated beginning with an evaluation of the occurrence to determine the action required to correct the situation. All excursions will be documented and reported.

Figure A.11-1 shows the hourly average EFB inlet temperature for June. The permit requires that the EFB bed temperature be less than 145˚F while drying pine veneer. The EFB inlet temperature is used as a surrogate for bed temperature. During normal operation, the typical inlet temperature was 160 to 165˚F when drying species other than pine. There were short periods of operation at 130 to 140˚F when drying pine veneer, and lower temperatures that indicate the dryers were not operating (e.g., on Fridays during the routine maintenance shutdown). Similar operating ranges were observed for July and August. The maximum hourly average EFB inlet temperatures for June, July, and August were 174˚F, 173˚F, and 176˚F, respectively. The manufacturer recommends maintaining the EFB at a temperature of 160 to 180˚F. Therefore, based on this recommendation and on normal operating conditions, the indicator range chosen was an hourly average inlet temperature less than 170˚F (less than 145˚F when drying pine veneer). If the EFB inlet temperature exceeds 170˚F (145˚F when drying pine), corrective action will be initiated.

Figure A.11-2 shows the hourly average EFB voltage for June. From Figure A.11-2, it can be observed that the EFB typically operates in the range of 10 to 15 kV. Some short periods of

operation occur from 5 to 10 kV. The mean hourly voltages for June, July, and August are given below. These statistics do not include data from periods during which the EFB was not operating and the voltage was recorded as 1.0 or zero. (For example, the EFB is shut down every Friday for maintenance.)

Month	Mean hourly average voltage, kV
June	12.4
July	11.6
August	10.9
Average	11.6

The manufacturer's recommended bed voltage range is 5 to 10 kV. The average voltages during the 1992, 1993, and 1996 performance tests were 6.7 kV, 11 kV, and 14 kV, respectively. Based on all data reviewed, greater than 8 kV was chosen as the indicator range for the hourly average EFB bed voltage. If the hourly average bed voltage drops below 8 kV during periods of normal operation (excludes shutdown periods), corrective action will be initiated.

Figure A.11-3 shows the hourly average EFB ionizer current for the month of June. From Figure A.11-3 it can be seen that the EFB typically operates at an ionizer current in the range of 2 to 5 mA. The mean hourly average currents for June, July, and August are shown below. In addition, the manufacturer's recommended range is 2 to 4 mA. Therefore, the indicator range chosen was an hourly average current greater than 2 mA. If the hourly average ionizer current drops below 2 mA during normal operation (excludes shutdown periods), corrective action will be initiated.

Month	Mean hourly average current, mA
June	2.8
July	2
August	2
Average	2.3

Emissions test results and indicator data are presented below for the 1992, 1993, and 1996 performance tests. The 1992 and 1993 tests were conducted while drying pine; the 1996 test was conducted while drying Douglas fir. The EFB is subject to a PM emission limitation of 0.30 lb/MSF (4.1 lb/hr). Both limits were met during all three performance tests.

Year	PM emissions, gr/dscf	PM emissions, lb/MSF	PM emissions, lb/hr	Average voltage, kV	Average ionizer current, mA	Average EFB inlet temperature, ˚F
1992	0.016	0.16	1.5	6.7	4.9	153
1993	0.015	0.22	2.0	10.8	2.8	154
1996	0.02	0.30	1.1	14	1.4	189

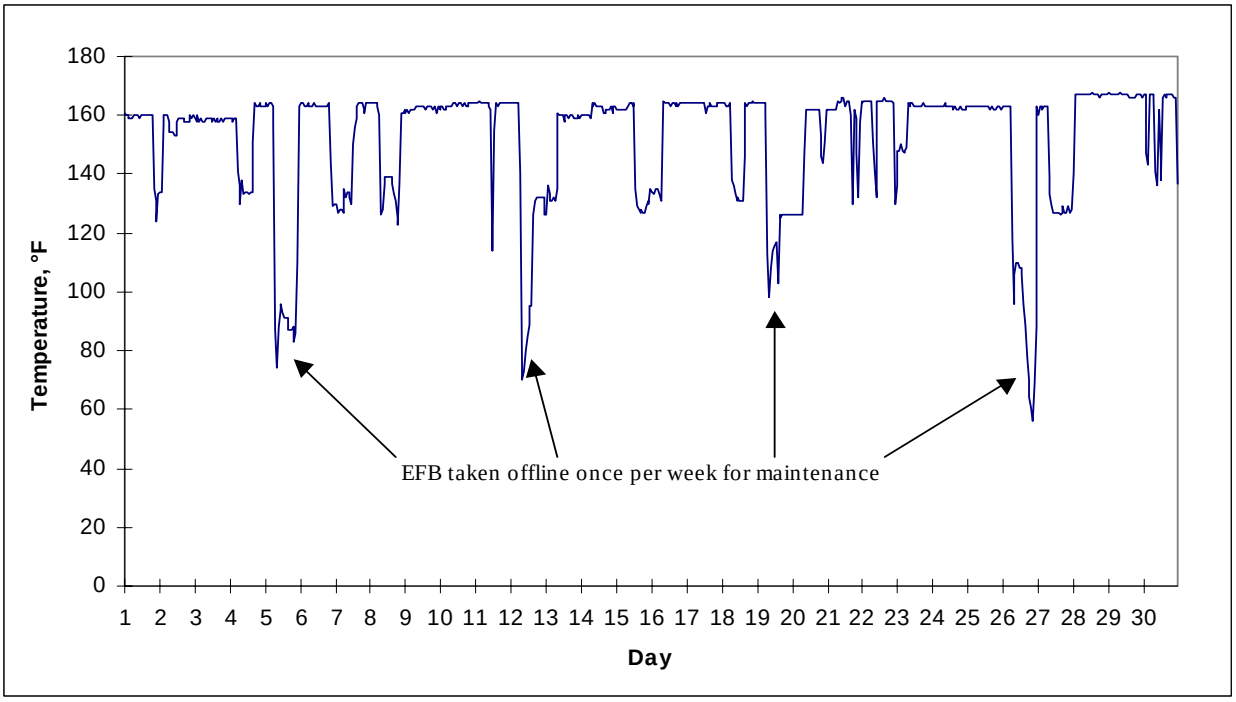

Figure A.11-1. June EFB inlet temperature (hourly average).

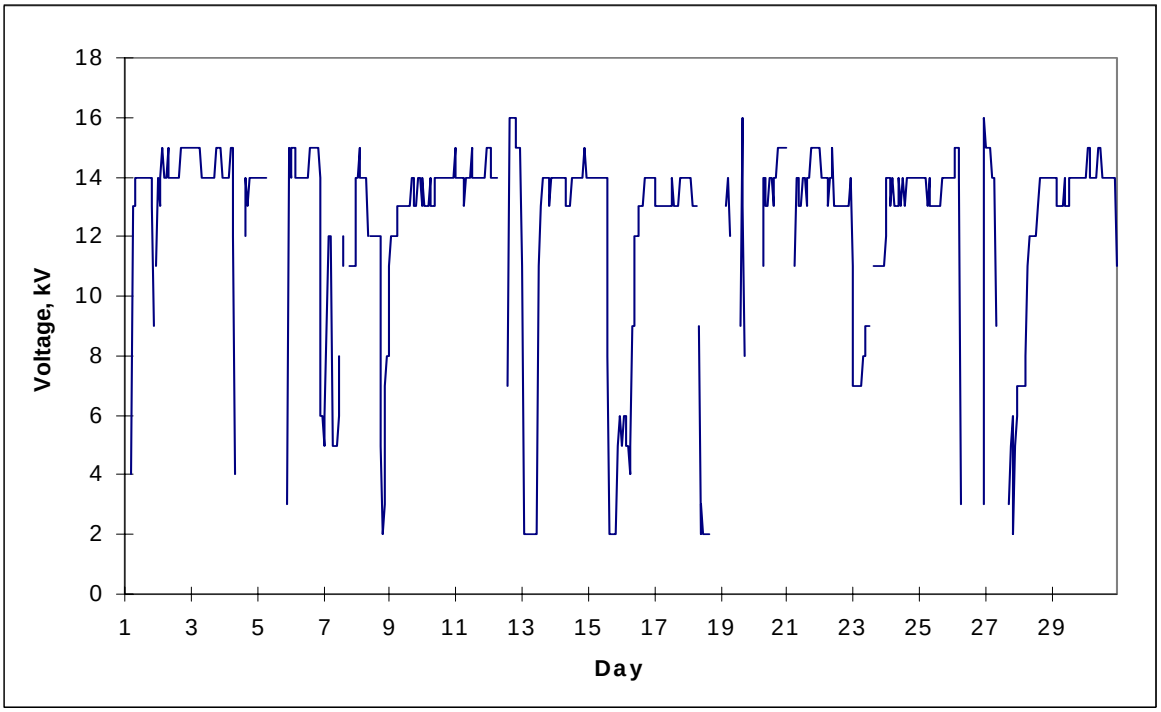

Figure A.11-2. June EFB bed voltage (hourly average).

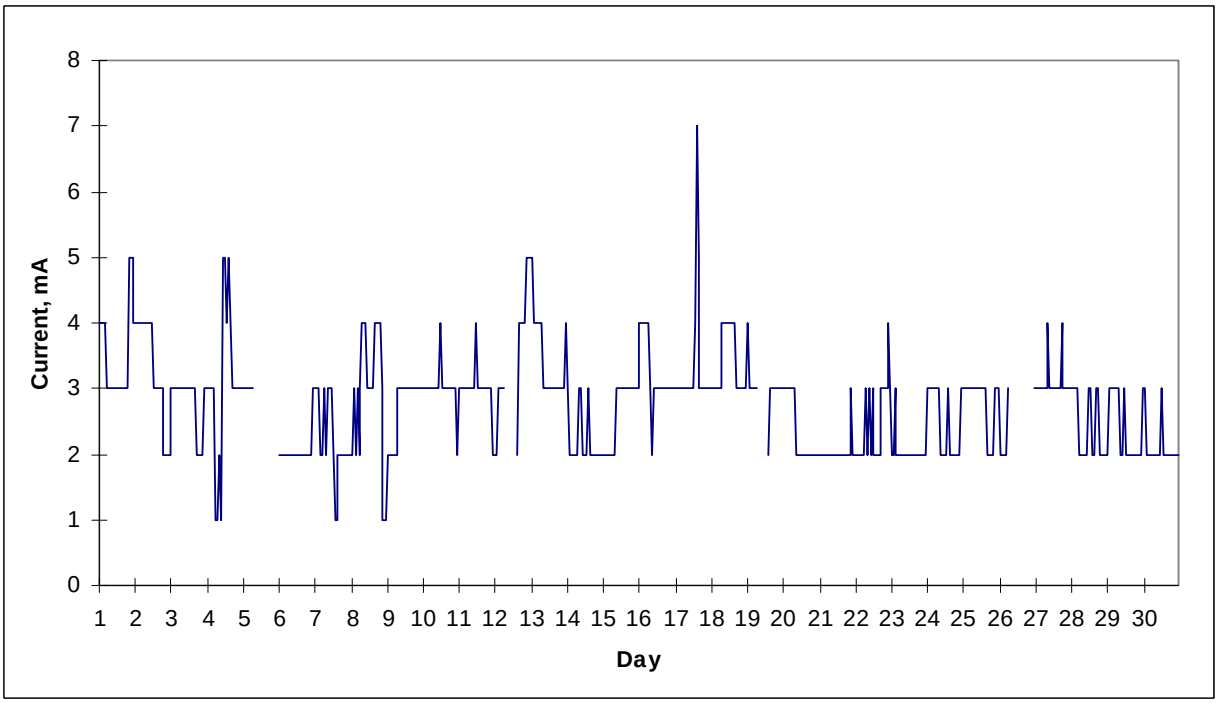

Figure A.11-3. June EFB ionizer current (hourly average).